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# NEGRO SCHOOLS

## Attendance Has Been High During Cold Weather. Figures Prove Growth Is Normal And Not Due To Unsettled Migration Of Families From South As Claimed By Board Of Education.

### Elementary School Increase Is 2386, Equal To Accommodations Of Three Modern School Buildings. Summer High Overcrowded.

That the overcrowded conditions of the St. Louis colored schools, has been relieved by the effects of cold winter is shown in figures obtained by the Argus this week.

In a publication of several weeks ago the Argus called attention to the congestion of the schools attended by the colored children and stated that three new buildings would be necessary to relieve the situation. The schools suggested were the John Marshall on Lucky St., the Riddick on Evans and possibly the Crow on Holt Ave. At that time the Board of Education took the stand that the growth of the colored schools was abnormal, due to migration of Negroes from the South, who would return home when cold weather arrived. That the conclusion was erroneous is proven by the following figures: In the January graduations, Summer High school lost 129 pupils and gained 109. One hundred thirty-eight came from the grade schools, 12 from outside sources and 1 entered the normal school. The enrollment at Summer at present is 908 compared to 857 one year ago. The enrollment was increased for more than a year, and was never intended to accommodate more than 750 pupils.

At the close of the first quarter, the Summer school had an enrollment of 1288. During the summer winter the average daily attendance has been 1060. This proves conclusively the normal growth of the schools.

The Superintendent of schools, in his report on the first quarter, stated that the increase in schools for the first ten weeks was due to the colored schools. The total increase, white and colored, was 2386. Of this number 2386 were colored and only 171 white.

**Increase Equivalent To Three Schools**

The increase in enrollment of colored pupils is, as we contend, enough for three more schools. It is the plan of the Board to turn the John Marshall school over to colored next September. This school, however, will only be large enough to accommodate the pupils of the Cottage Avenue portables and the surplus at Simmons. It cannot relieve the congestion throughout the city, and will be no relief whatever to Summer High, which should be relieved of its normal class. Simmons school is so crowded that the assembly room has never served its purpose, but is used for the normal school. The Board does not provide other new schools besides the John Marshall, it will be necessary to continue the use of the portables and still the congestion will not be relieved. The conditions have been overcrowded for many years. For the benefit of a more thorough education of the elementary pupils, the Normal should be developed into Teachers' College, with all the advantages of the white. This branch is being cramped in its opportunity by the growth of Summer, which, figures show, is normal, and the only relief is in more schools.

## MADAM C. J. WALKER IS TO LECTURE AT ST. PAUL CHURCH

Madam C. J. Walker of New York, the famous hair culturist will give a lecture of her interesting stereoscopic lectures and moving picture entertainments at St. Paul M. E. Church Friday night, March 1st, for the delight and benefit of the St. Louis people. She will appear at the auspices of the Dunham Club. Mrs. Lillian Williams captain.

## NEXT Y. M. C. A. MEETING FEB. 24

The next big meeting to increase the building fund of the Y. M. C. A. Department, Y. M. C. A. will be held Sunday, February 24 at 4 p. m. at Union Memorial Church. The speaker for the day will be Dr. J. E. Moorland, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. This is Dr. Moorland's first visit to St. Louis since the celebrated campaign of 1915 when Dr. Moorland directed the campaign for the securing of funds. The campaign committee and the teams are planning to make this a great event, as Dr. Moorland is most favorably known in St. Louis. Especially the captains and teams are anxious to make this the best meeting which has been held of all the Y. M. C. A. meetings. The plan is to admit 200 men for the old fee of \$2.00 and to allow this membership to run as a social membership until June 1, 1918. March is the date set for when these new members must be secured. The plan is to have the speaker decide that all members who have joined by March 1, 1918, will be considered chapters of members when the new building is entered.

Work on the new Y. M. C. A. building has been going on since the contractor opened up. The contractor has given notice that the building will be ready for occupancy in August. In order to be ready for this event, the balance of the subscriptions must be paid in by that time.

## MUSICAL FAIR AT ALL SAINTS

"Our New Minister," a musical comedy entirely new and original, will be given by the Men's Guild of All Saints Church, on their next concert, Friday, February 12 at 8 p. m. The dialogue is by "Katie" (L. E. Brown) and the songs by Prof. Condon. Come and get a good laugh. Tickets 15c.

## R. A. HUDLIN LAID TO REST

A large crowd of St. Louisans assembled at St. Elizabeth's Church Monday morning, Feb. 4, to lay to rest the last and truest of the remains of Richard A. Hudlin, who died at his home, 4004 Oak Ave., Friday morning. Those in attendance heard Father McGuire in a touching sermon on the useful life of the deceased.

Mr. Hudlin was born in St. Louis and throughout most of his nearly 50 years of life had been identified with activities pertaining to the advancement of colored people. He was an authority on the history of Negro life in this community and knew the history of all the oldest institutions. He was a graduate of Sumner High School and Shurtleff College. After leaving school he became principal of the Kirkwood and Webster public schools, where he remained for 20 years. Mr. Hudlin was an all-around newspaper and story writer and was the exclusive St. Louis County correspondent for more than a year, the Globe Democrat and Westliche Post. He was an eminent Shakespearean student, an eloquent, amateur actor, make-up artist, stage manager, and in days gone by was always closely associated with his life-long friend, Jas. W. Grant in the production and management of all kinds of entertainments for the benefit of churches and charitable institutions, regardless of denominations.

The remains were laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery at 10 a. m. Grant was master of ceremonies.

## HEAD OF BILLY GOATLESS LODGE

The above is a likeness of Mr. C. C. Cade who was recently transferred from Muskogee, Okla., to the work of the work of the American Woodmen in St. Louis.

The superior has thoroughly recognized the field work here with two able assistants, Supervisors, Mr. B. E. Kane, former Vice Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Arkansas, who will arrive in the city for a few days, and Mr. John W. Laden, former State Grand Master of the Moose Temple of Mo.

Saturday night, Feb. 2, a mass meeting was held at Douglas Hall and after speeches by Dr. J. E. Hurt and John W. Laden, a new camp, No. 12, was organized and its officers appointed and installed.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. C. Cade and Mrs. Mattie E. Malone. The following are the officers of the new camp: Commander, Mr. B. E. Kane; Vice Commander, Robt. L. Malone; Clerk, Fred R. Wardfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Otha E. Laden; Banker, Virgil Hall, Auditor, Collins A. Greene, Exeunt, Mrs. Gladys Hall, Watchman, Mrs. J. E. Hurt.

The officers of the new camp are 100, per cent efficient. A campaign which will bring this camp up to the 500 mark here the district convention, which will convene in Little Rock in July of this year.

The dues are still \$3.00.

C. C. Cade, supervisor, 4215w Finney Ave., Phone Lindell 1115-W.

## WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

**'LOYALTY PLEADS FOR FREEDOM'**

I hope that many readers of the St. Louis Argus took particular notice of the new beautiful cartoon on the front page of said paper under the title "Loyalty Pleads for Freedom."

Only a true race man or woman, who has the burden of this race on his heart, and who in these critical times is alive to the issue and last but not least, who has the courage to have his conviction drawn in this picture.

Readers and thinkers who are alive to everything that concerns the status of the Negro as a man see it displayed in this little picture.

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## FRANKLIN ARKUS EDITORIALS

After reading your great many editorials, I have often wondered if anyone ever commended you on the timeliness of your editorials. I am writing the editor, in some of your recent appeals for justice to the Negro.

Your appeals (I won't call them editorials) express the prayer of every Negro in this great land of ours and would be glad to know that every



## AUTOMOBILE LAW IN EFFECT FEB. 11

Monday, February 11, the police will be instructed to arrest all owners and drivers of automobiles in the city who have failed either to take out 1918 State license or to have their head lights dimmed in conformity with the new State law that went into effect yesterday.

Chief of Police Young announced yesterday that he would give the new law a 10-day grace before making arrests, but through letters that do not glare or cast a beam above a certain distance from the ground. Spot lights are prohibited except in the country.

## W. H. LEWIS WILL DELIVER ADDRESS AT WILBERFORCE U.

The Hon. W. H. Lewis of Boston, formerly assistant Attorney General of the United States, will deliver in June the commencement address to the graduating class of Wilberforce University.

## CARONDEL NEWS

Amid our merriment, whistles, heatless, shetters and lightless days and nights Carondelet is now affected with a street car strike. Yet we are living through all.

Another James baby passed out. We greatly sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. James, Jr., in the death of their two children last week.

The Berea Band will render a musical at Quinn's Church, Thursday night the 14th.

Mrs. E. Smith is slowly convalescing.

C. C. C. Black has returned from Crystal City.

## SOMETHING IN THE WAY

What are you going to do about the sweet young lady, I am going to take your picture, said the man. But don't you see that I have a chapman with me? Yes, but she is deaf, isn't she? But she is not blind and besides she has a very jealous nature. Very well E. K. 15.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH  
2719 MORGAN ST.  
Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school 1 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Communion every second Sunday. Rev. J. F. Greenwald, Pastor. Memphis, Tenn. pastor, Eddie Robinson, secretary.

## REPORT OF THE RED CROSS LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CELEBRATION 12TH

**COLORED PEOPLE RAISE \$12,493**

The amount of money turned in at the Red Cross Campaign Committee through committee working among the colored people was \$12,493.

Lincoln-Venue Baptist Church leads the list with \$1,616.

St. Paul M. E. Church, second, with \$1,000.

Methodist, 108.

Medfordian, 108.

All Saints, 108.

Union Memorial, 108.

Lincoln Ave. Baptist, 108.

Handker leads the schools with \$50.

Miss Elizabeth Parquette leads in the work done in living Negroes.

Bears Bag Factory was 100 per cent with \$100.

The committee is grateful to all who helped make this wonderful record.

Victoria Clay Haley, Sec. January Report of the Soldiers Comforts Department of the Colored Women's Unit Open of National Defense.

Amount of yarn bought, 22 lbs. \$7.50  
Needles bought, 3 boxes, 4.00  
Total amount, \$11.50  
Number of women receiving yarn during month, fifty.  
Number of finished garments returned during month, thirty muffs.  
Number of unfinished garments returned, one muffler.

The committee desires all garments finished and returned by Feb. 14, which is the next regular meeting of the knitting club.

Mrs. Bessie Kiser, Chairman of Soldiers Comforts.  
Miss Dorothy Guinn, Secretary of Knitting.  
Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, Treasurer.  
Chairman Colored Women's Unit Open of National Defense.

**TUBERCULOSIS STAMPS**

Handker School heads the list of all the schools with \$100.

Summer High, Mrs. Anderson, \$1,200.  
Cottage, Mrs. Josephine Jasper, \$31.  
Bonscher, Mrs. Victoria C. Haley, \$100.  
Delany, Mrs. Nathan Howard, 7.11.  
Dennison, Mrs. A. O. Thornton, 7.29.  
Dimes, Mrs. C. H. Phillips, 7.15.  
Garrett, Mrs. John Evans, 19.11.  
Laurie, Mrs. William Wilburn, 18.84.

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Mrs. Henry A. Smith, 22.50.  
Bonscher, Mrs. E. H. Mercer, 27.39.  
Wheatley, Mrs. J. W. Myers, 4.47.  
Special No. 6, Mrs. B. G. Shaw, No. 10, \$100.

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Total, \$261.04.  
Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, Chairman.

## MORE NEGRO POLICE SAYS GRAND JURY

### Police Examiner and Physician Has Turned Down All Applicants, To Date, As Physically Unfit.

In its report to Circuit Judge Falkenberg last week the five-member Grand Jury recommended that additional Negro policemen be appointed on the police force and that a commission be organized to curb crime in this city.

"Extract from Report

"We urge upon the Police Department its most vigorous efforts to curb crime, which is at its highest the day of the winter season," the report says. "We attribute a large part of the crime to the drifting of concealed weapons and urge upon the officials dealing with this situation to see that the law is vigorously enforced.

"Vigorous police work will greatly minimize crime.

"We recommend that additional Negro policemen be appointed for duty in sections where Negro criminals are numerous. We are advised that there has been a great increase in Negro population in the last few years and that many of the newcomers are not desirable citizens.

"We also urge that in the case of infamous offenders, white and black, the courts enforce the penalties imposed and do not permit to stay the penalties or parole the offenders."

As to whether it had been called to their attention that quite a number of Negroes have applied for duty and have been turned down, the report does not state. But it has been called to our attention that probably over fifty men have really made formal application for appointment on the force, and the medical examiner has turned them down, claiming that not one of them has been found physically able to fill such position.

It is understood that the Chief of Police and the Police Board would not oppose the appointment of more Negro officers, provided the men who apply can qualify physically before the medical examiner. At the same time many of those who have applied have been accepted as physically sound by the Board.

## JOHN R. WILSON FUNERAL SUNDAY

Mrs. Lydia Wampler-Wilson returned from Flint, Michigan, Wednesday evening with the remains of her husband, John R. Wilson, who died in that city Thursday, January 31. The funeral will be held at the family residence, 4465 W. Belle Place, St. Louis, at 2 p. m. Sunday, February 10. A. F. and A. M. will have charge of the service. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

## MRS. NANCY JOHNSON DIES

Mrs. Nancy Johnson entered into rest Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 8:30 p. m. She was the dear mother of Mamie Keen, Edie Sedore and Katie Sedore, grandmother of Mable and Juanita Sedore, and sister of Luella Davis of Cape Girardeau.

The funeral will be held Saturday, February 9 at 1 p. m. from Central Baptist Church.

## NEGROES PLAN TO BE NEIGHBORS OF EVANSTON ELKS

(Special to St. Louis Argus.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 7.—Unable to secure land for a club house, in Evanston, the Negroes of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, the colored people of Evanston are threatening to build their own club house in Chicago Avenue and erect their buildings there.

Members of the Elks and nearby residents are protesting and say they will not permit the invasion. Exalted ruler of the Evanston Elks said: "We will get another location for them, but if they persist in coming into the neighborhood there will be trouble."

Charles H. Platt, real estate broker and lawyer, says the colored organization has more than 100 members, and that they had been forced to consider the Chicago Avenue property. The property is at 1200 Chicago Ave. is owned by Susan Johnson, a wealthy colored man.

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